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SUBJ: BEIRUT PRESS REPORT OF REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO US AMBASSADOR
IN KUWAIT ON PERSHING MISSILES FOR ISRAEL

REF: A. BEIRUT 12161 (NOTAL)

B. CAIRO 9710

C. STATE 231070 (NOTAL)

D. KUWAIT 3984 (NOTAL)

1. TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT IT OBVIOUS THAT BEIRUT PRESS REPORT DESCRIBED REFTEL A OF REMARKS TO PRESS MADE BY ACTING GOK FORMIN FOLLOWING MY MEETING WITH HIM RE POSSIBILITY USG SUPPLY PERSHING MISSILES FOR ISRAEL IS WRONG. LOCAL KUWAITI PRESS, IN REPORTING ACTING FORMINISTERS'S REMARKS, STATED THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR HAD "ASSURED KUWAIT THAT UNITED STATES WAS NOT PLANNING AT PRESENT TO SUPPLY LONG RANGE PERSHING MISSILES TO ISRAEL". THE ABOVE QUOTE OF COURSE IS ALSO INACCURATE REPORT OF MY CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FORMINISTER, BUT AT LEAST IT COMES CLOSER TO BURDEN OF US POSITION WITH INCLUSION OF WORDS "AT PRESENT".

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2. ON SEPTEMBER 30 I RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM US MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN BEIRUT ASKING FOR MY REACTION TO BEIRUT PRESS REPORTS OF MY MEETING WITH KUWAITI ACTING FORMIN ON PERSHING MISSILE. I PROVIDED THEM WITH ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF WHAT GOK FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SAID TO PRESS AND BASIC POINTS I HAD MADE ON SUBJECT TO ACTING FORMIN.
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